



County of Riverside  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

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STEVE VAN STOCKUM, DIRECTOR

Date: January 7, 2019

System No. 3303087

Pueblo Unido CDC  
Attn: Sergio Carranza  
78150 Calle Tampico, Ste #214  
La Quinta, CA 92253

**CITATION NO. 05\_63\_19C\_001**  
**ARSENIC MONITORING AND REPORTING VIOLATION**

Enclosed is Citation No. 05\_63\_19C\_001 issued to San Jose Community Water System. Please note there are legally enforceable deadlines associated with this Order.

Any person who is aggrieved by a Citation issued by the Riverside County LPA may file a petition with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) for reconsideration of the Citation. Petitions must be received by the State Water Board within 30 calendar days of the issuance of the Citation. The date of issuance is the date when the Riverside County LPA mails or serves a copy of the Citation, whichever occurs first. If the 30th day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition is due the following business day. Petitions must be received by 5:00 p.m. Information regarding filing petitions may be found at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\\_water/programs/petitions/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/programs/petitions/index.shtml)

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (760) 863-7570.

Sincerely,

Jackie Jones  
Environmental Health Specialist

RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

**Name of Public Water System:** San Jose Community Water System

**Water System No:** 3303087

**Attention:** Sergio Carranza

78150 Calle Tampico, Ste #214

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**CITATION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE WITH  
CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE, SECTION 116555(a) (1) AND  
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22, SECTION 64432 (h) (1)**

**ARSENIC MONITORING VIOLATION  
CALENDAR YEAR - Third quarter 2018**

The California Health and Safety Code (hereinafter "CHSC"), Section 116650 authorizes the Riverside County Department of Environmental Health (hereinafter "Department"), acting by and through its primacy delegation from the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), to issue a citation to a public water system when the Department determines that the public water system has violated or is violating the California Safe Drinking Water Act (hereinafter "California SDWA"), (CHSC, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter

1 4, commencing with Section 116270), or any regulation, standard, permit, or order issued  
2 or adopted thereunder.

3 The Department acting by and through its primacy delegation from the State Water Board,  
4 hereby issues Citation No. 05\_63\_19C\_001 (hereinafter "Citation"), pursuant to Section  
5 116650 of the CHSC to the San Jose Community Water System (hereinafter "San Jose"),  
6 for violation of CHSC, Section 116555(a)(1) and California Code of Regulations (hereinafter  
7 "CCR"), Title 22, Section 64432 Monitoring and Compliance – Inorganic Chemicals  
8 (hereinafter "Monitoring and Compliance").  
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### 10 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

11 San Jose is classified as a Nontransient-Noncommunity public water system with a  
12 population of approximately 40, serving 16 connections.  
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14 CHSC, Section 116555(a)(1) requires all public water systems to comply with primary  
15 drinking water standards as defined in CHSC, Section 116275(c). Primary drinking water  
16 standards include maximum levels of contaminants and the monitoring and reporting  
17 requirements as specified in regulations adopted by the Department that pertain to  
18 maximum contaminant levels.  
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20 Pursuant to CCR, Title 22, Section 64432 (h) (1), San Jose is required to collect one sample  
21 quarterly for arsenic testing from the source. During the third quarter of 2018 compliance  
22 period, San Jose failed to collect an arsenic sample from Well 1, Primary Station Code:  
23 3303087-001.

### 24 **DETERMINATION**

25 The Department has determined that San Jose has failed to comply with primary drinking  
26 water standards pursuant to CHSC, Section 116555(a)(1) and arsenic monitoring  
27 requirements pursuant to CCR, Title 22, Sections 64432 (h) (1).  
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## DIRECTIVES

San Jose is hereby directed to take the following actions:

1. On or before **February 3, 2019**, notify all persons served by San Jose of the violation of CCR, Title 22, Section 64432 (h) (1), in conformance with Sections 64463.4(b) and (c) and 64465. Appendix 1: Notification Template shall be used to fulfill this Directive unless otherwise approved by the Department.

The notification shall be completed in accordance with the following:

- By mail or direct delivery of the Public Notification to each customer served by the water system and;
- By one of the following secondary methods to reach persons not likely to be reached by mail or direct delivery;
  - By publication in a local newspaper, by delivery to community organizations or by posting in conspicuous public places served by the water system or on the internet. If the water system opts to issue the notice via internet website, the public notice shall remain posted for a minimum of seven (7) consecutive days.

2. Complete Appendix 2: Compliance Certification Form. Submit it together with a copy of the public notification required by Directive 1 to the Department on or before **February 15, 2019**.

3. San Jose shall ensure that monitoring is conducted quarterly for arsenic from all its active sources and that the laboratory, which conducts the analysis, submits the analytical results electronically by a Department approved method no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the month following completion of the analyses.

San Jose shall collect and report the first quarter 2019 arsenic sample result from Well 1 by February 3, 2019.

4. San Jose shall include this violation in the 2018 Consumer Confidence Report in accordance with CCR, Title 22, Section 64481(g)(1).

All submittals required by this Citation, with exception of analytical results, shall be submitted to the following address or electronically to [jajones@rivco.org](mailto:jajones@rivco.org).

Department of Environmental Health  
Attn: Jackie Jones  
47-950 Arabia St, Ste A  
Indio, CA 92201

The Department reserves the right to make modifications to this Citation as it may deem necessary to protect public health and safety. Such modifications may be issued as amendments to this Citation and shall be effective upon issuance.

Nothing in this Citation relieves San Jose Community Water System of its obligation to meet the requirements of the California SDWA (CHSC, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, commencing with Section 116270), or any regulation, standard, permit or order issued or adopted thereunder.

#### **PARTIES BOUND**

This Citation shall apply to and be binding upon San Jose Community Water System, its owners, shareholders, officers, directors, agents, employees, contractors, successors, and assignees.

1 **SEVERABILITY**

2 The directives of this Citation are severable, and San Jose Community Water System shall  
3 comply with each and every provision thereof notwithstanding the effectiveness of any  
4 provision.

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6 **FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION**

7 The California SDWA authorizes Riverside County Department of Environmental Health,  
8 pursuant to authority delegated by the State Water Board, to: issue a citation or order with  
9 assessment of administrative penalties to a public water system for violation or continued  
10 violation of the requirements of the California SDWA or any regulation, permit, standard,  
11 citation, or order issued or adopted thereunder including, but not limited to, failure to correct  
12 a violation identified in a citation or compliance order. Pursuant to its delegated authority,  
13 the California SDWA also authorizes the Riverside County Department of Environmental  
14 Health to take action to suspend or revoke a permit that has been issued to a public water  
15 system if the public water system has violated applicable law or regulations or has failed to  
16 comply with a citation or order of Riverside County Department of Environmental Health,  
17 and to petition the superior court to take various enforcement measures against a public  
18 water system that has failed to comply with a citation or order of Riverside County  
19 Department of Environmental Health. The Riverside County Department of Environmental  
20 Health does not waive any further enforcement action by issuance of this Citation.

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22 Jackie Jones

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January 7, 2019

24 Date

25 Environmental Health Specialist

26 Appendices 2:

27 1. Notification Template

28 2. Compliance Certification Form

Certified Mail No. 7007 3020 0001 6550 3429



**APPENDIX 1. NOTIFICATION TEMPLATE****IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.  
Por favor hable con alguien que lo pueda traducir.

**Arsenic Monitoring Requirements****Not Met for San Jose Community Water System During Third Quarter 2018**

Our water system failed to monitor as required for drinking water standards during the third quarter of 2018 and, therefore was in violation of the regulations. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did to correct the situation.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During the third quarter of 2018, we did not collect an arsenic sample from Well 1 and therefore, cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

San Jose has levels of arsenic above the drinking water standard. Refer to quarterly notices for more information.

**What should I do?**

- There is nothing you need to do at this time.
- The table below lists the contaminant we did not properly test for during the third quarter of 2018, how many samples we are required to take and how often, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date on which follow-up samples were taken.

<b>Contaminant</b>	<b>Required sampling frequency</b>	<b>Number of samples taken</b>	<b>When all samples should have been taken</b>	<b>When samples were taken</b>
Arsenic	Minimum is one sample quarterly from the well.	None	During the third quarter of 2018.	Fourth quarter was sampled in October 2018.

- If you have health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What happened? What is being done?

The third quarter arsenic sample was not taken from the well. The sampling was overlooked by the certified water operator.

The fourth quarter arsenic sample was taken on October 1, 2018. The result was 24.0 ug/L which exceeds the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 10.0 ug/L.

San Jose has levels of arsenic above the drinking water standard. Refer to quarterly notices for more information. From the December notice:

"We are in the process of digging a new well and the treatment system will be added to ensure safe and consistent level of quality drinking water. We anticipate this to be completed within the coming months.

Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years may experience skin damage or circulatory system problems and may have an increased risk of getting cancer. "

For more information, please contact:

Chad Finch at (760) 834-5513.

*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*

### **Secondary Notification Requirements**

Upon receipt of notification from a person operating a public water system, the following notification must be given within 10 days [Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]:

- SCHOOLS: Must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors).
- RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS OR MANAGERS (including nursing homes and care facilities): Must notify tenants.
- BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS, MANAGERS, OR OPERATORS: Must notify employees of businesses located on the property.

This notice is being sent to you by San Jose Community Water System in compliance with the California Domestic Water Quality and Monitoring Regulations as a means of keeping the public informed.

State Water System ID: 3303087.

Date distributed:



## APPENDIX 2. COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

**Citation Number:** 05\_63\_19C\_001

**Name of Water System:** San Jose Community Water System

**System Number:** 3303087

### Certification

I certify that the users of the water supplied by this water system were notified of the arsenic monitoring violation of California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 64432 (h) (1) for the compliance period of third quarter 2018 and the required actions listed below were completed.

Required Action	Date Completed
(Citation Directive 1) Public Notification Method(s) Used: _____	
(Citation Directive 3) Arsenic Sample Collection Date: _____	

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Water System Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Attach a copy of the public notice distributed to the water system's customers.**

<b>THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE Riverside County Department of Environmental Health, NO LATER THAN February 15, 2019.</b>
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**Disclosure:** Be advised that the California Health and Safety Code, Sections 116725 and 116730 state that any person who knowingly makes any false statement on any report or document submitted for the purpose of compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act may be liable for, respectively, a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each separate violation or, for continuing violations, for each day that violation continues, or be punished by a fine of not more than \$25,000 for each day of violation, or by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed one year, or by both the fine and imprisonment.